



Todd K Apo  
Councilmember



# CITY COUNCIL

## DISTRICT 1

Ewa-Ewa Beach-Honouliuli-West Loch  
Kapolei-Kalaheo-Honokai Hale / Nanikai Gardens-Ko Olina  
Nanakuli-Wai'anae-Makaha-Keaau-Makua

### MONTHLY REPORT

**February 2005**

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### Councilmember's Message

**ALOHA!** The first month on the job has been exciting and filled with new experiences. I want to start by thanking everyone who has supported me in getting off the ground as your representative in the City Council. We have just finished putting our team together and will be working both from downtown and Kapolei offices to serve West Oahu.

**ISSUES** - I know there are many important issues, both short term and long term. We are continuing the process of prioritizing these issues and coming up with a game plan for solutions. Here are a few highlights of the issues we are currently tackling: we have met with the Department of Transportation Services on the completion of the emergency access route for the leeward coast; we have met with Mayor Hannemann and Villages of Kapolei regarding the enforcement of city traffic laws within the Villages; and we are looking at how to move the City forward on the issues surrounding the continued redevelopment of the Ewa Villages.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS** – As you may know, I am chairing the Committee on Housing and Enterprise Services. This will allow me to look directly into the many housing issues facing our communities – from homeless issues and elderly housing, to rental and affordable housing needs. I have already sat down with area developers and organizations like HCAP to start finding the right pieces to this complex puzzle. I also sit on the Budget and Zoning Committees, along with Parks, Public Safety, and Executive Matters committees.

**BILL 53** – On January 26, 2005 I took part in the passage of Bill 53, repealing the mandatory leasehold conversion of condominium property law, commonly known as Chapter 38. This was clearly an emotional and important issue to both sides of the process. And, while I believe that we must find housing solutions for today's issues, I know that we must protect existing property rights. Given the information before us, and public testimonies including data on today's housing market, I could not find any public purpose to allow the City to force the sale of land from the fee owners to the lessees.

## Eyes on Ewa *by Wendy Sefo*

Councilmember Apo recently met with the management team from the Department of Environmental Services regarding the facilities and issues in District 1.

Among the topics discussed were the Honouliuli Waste Water Treatment Plant and its odor mitigation plan. According to plant management, the solids - which are the primary source of the foul odors - are removed during the wastewater treatment process can be treated for recycling as fertilizer or soil enhancers. In the treated stage, the solids are called "biosolids" and provide nutrient values competitive with chemical or animal-derived fertilizers.

Currently, the City disposes of the wastewater solids in the landfills. However, the City is in working to process the solids into a useful product. Recycling of the solids will help to conserve dwindling land-fill space. The City is in the process of administering a \$31 M solids handling contract. This contract covers the construction and installation of a solids handling facility. The new facility is about 50% complete, and the department expects that the whole project will be finished with in 2 years.

For more information about the Honouliuli WWTP, as well as the City's Solid Waste Integrated Management Plan visit:  
<http://www.opala.org>

## Keeping Up In Kapolei *by Wendy Sefo*

The Mayor's office recently coordinated a meeting with Councilmember Apo, the representatives from various City departments and the officers from the Villages of Kapolei Community Association to discuss the enforcement of City traffic laws in the Villages of Kapolei.

After providing the Mayor with an extensive history of the problem, Mayor Hannemann instructed the City management team to work within legal parameters in cooperation with Councilmember Apo, HPD and the Villages of Kapolei representatives to get the issues resolved as soon as absolutely possible.

To begin City managers and Councilmember Apo will meet with officials from HPD to ensure that, at the very least, State traffic laws are being enforced. Concurrently, City and State officials will work together to support legislation being proposed by the state Senate.

## Watching Out for Waianae *by Karen Awana*

Earlier this month Councilmember Apo met with City Transportation Director, Ed Hirata. Mr. Hirata provided an update on the Waianae Emergency Access Route. Construction is planned to commence in a few months on Paakea Road. Extensions at Pohakunui Avenue in Nanakuli and Kaukama Road in Lualualei have been completed.

HCAP Executive Director, Joan White and Community Services Operations Manager, Thomas Matsuda discussed the homeless situation along the Waianae Coast with Councilmember Apo this week. HCAP shared their plans to expand services to clients.

Hawaii Dental Association will be sponsoring dental examinations at Ka Waihona O Ka Na'auao and Kamaile Elementary School. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 2 will receive oral hygiene instructions. Goodie bags will be provided for 500 children. This program will be conducted at both schools on Friday, February 4.

## C O U N C I L Committees

### TUESDAYS

9:00 a.m. [Committee on Zoning Agenda](#)

Chair: Barbara Marshall

Vice Chair: Rod Tam

Members: Todd K. Apo, Romy M. Cachola, Ann H. Kobayashi

1:00 p.m. [Committee on Planning and Transportation Agenda](#)

Chair: Nestor R. Garcia

Vice Chair: Barbara Marshall

Members: Romy M. Cachola, Ann Kobayashi, Gary H. Okino

2:30 p.m. [Committee on Parks Agenda](#)

Chair: Charles K. Djou

Vice Chair: Gary J. Okino

Members: Todd K. Apo, Barbara Marshall, Rod Tam

### WEDNESDAYS

9:00 a.m. [Committee on Budget Agenda](#)

Chair: Ann H. Kobayashi

Vice Chair: Nestor R. Garcia

Members: Todd K. Apo, Romy M. Cachola, Rod Tam

1:00 p.m. [Committee on Public Safety Agenda](#)

Chair: Gary H. Okino

Vice Chair: Todd K. Apo

Members: Charles K. Djou, Nestor R. Garcia, Barbara Marshall

2:30 p.m. [Committee on Public Works and Economic Development Agenda](#)

Chair: Rod Tam

Vice Chair: Romy M. Cachola

Members: Nestor R. Garcia, Ann H. Kobayashi, Gary H. Okino

### THURSDAYS

9:00 a.m. [Committee on Executive Matters Agenda](#)

Chair: Romy M. Cachola

Vice Chair: Ann H. Kobayashi

Members: Todd K. Apo, Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Charles K. Djou, Nestor R. Garcia, Barbara Marshall, Gary H. Okino, Rod Tam

1:00 p.m. [Committee on Housing and Enterprise Services Agenda](#)

Chair: Todd K. Apo

Vice Chair: Charles K. Djou

Members: Romy M. Cachola, Ann H. Kobayashi, Barbara Marshall

## Coming Soon

**Councilmember Todd K. Apo  
and Westside Solutions**

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